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REPLY TO ATTENTION OF
Base Realignment and Closure Division

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RE: PFAS Sampling of Existing Long-Term Monitoring Wells Fort Devens Superfund Site, Devens, MA

Dear Ms. Keating:

This letter is in reply to EPA letter dated November 2, 2017 regarding the subject PFAS sampling at existing LTM wells at Devens. Specifically, your letter provided a list of LTM well locations for PFAS sampling and the rationale for such sampling. The Army shares the concerns raised in your letter regarding existing PFAS detections in Ayer and Devens public supply wells, and will prioritize both the sampling requested and the Remedial Investigation (RI) for PFAS at those sites identified in the Final Expedited Site Investigation Report.

Specifically, the Army will initiate sampling at the existing LTM wells (per the well list provided in EPA's letter) no later than December 18, 2017. A detailed schedule is attached with estimated dates for commencement/completion of sample collection at each site and submission of associated laboratory data packages to EPA. In addition, the Army has prioritized the RI phase procurement process and has attached a proposed schedule for preparation of the RI Work Plan for review. The scope of the RI Work Plan and schedule for field implementation and completion will also be prioritized based on areas of the investigation that have the greatest potential to impact the Ayer and Devens public supply wells.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions at 978-796-2205.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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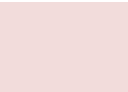
**Proposed Schedule for
Sampling of PFAS from Selected LTM Wells**

Site	Number of Wells	Commencement of Sampling	Completion of Sampling	Submission of all Validated Data to EPA
AOC 57-Area 2	4	12/18/17	12/19/17	3/9/18
AOC 57-Area 3	3	12/19/17	12/19/17	
AOC 43G	2	12/20/17	12/20/17	
AOC 43J	4	12/20/17	12/21/17	
AOC 32 & 43A	3	1/2/17	1/2/17	
SHL	6	1/3/18	1/4/18	
AOC 50	8	1/5/18	1/9/18	

Devens PFAS Remedial Investigation Work Plan Schedule

11/21/2017

Line Number	Task	Description	Start	Finish	Days	Comments
	DRAFT RI WORKPLAN					
1		Army begins preparation of Draft RI Work Plan (RI WP)	1/15/2018	1/15/2018		This date assumes that the contract notice to proceed is issued by Jan 15, 2018
2		Army submits WP Outline and Data Quality Objectives to EPA/MassDEP for Review	1/15/2018	2/9/2018	25	
3		EPA and MassDEP reviews RI WP Outline and DQOs	2/9/2018	2/23/2018	14	Includes BCT Meeting to discuss comments on the DQOs and BCT consensus for finalization
4		Army submits RI WP Sampling Approach/Design to EPA/MassDEP for Review	2/9/2018	3/9/2018	28	Includes Key Figures and Tables that show sampling/profile locations, density, spacing etc.
5		EPA and MassDEP reviews RI WP Sampling Approach/Design	3/9/2018	3/23/2018	14	Includes BCT Meeting/Conference Call to discuss comments on Sampling Design
6		KGS Issues Draft RI WP for Army Review	3/9/2018	3/16/2018	7	
7		Army Review and Comment Resolution	3/16/2018	3/23/2018	7	
8		Army Issues Draft RI Workplan to EPA/MassDep and Stakeholders	3/23/2018	3/30/2018	7	
9		EPA and MassDEP review the Draft RI Workplan	3/30/2018	4/27/2018	28	Includes BCT Meeting to discuss EPA/MassDEP preliminary comments on Draft RI WP
10		Army issues response comment letter to all stakeholder comments	4/27/2018	5/18/2018	21	
11		Army Issues Draft Final RI Workplan to EPA/MassDEP and Stakeholders	5/18/2018	5/25/2018	7	Includes BCT Meeting to resolve all comments and WP revisions for submittal of Draft Final Workplan



BCT Meeting or Conference Call